

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-18 (canceled).

Claim 19. (previously presented) An image communication apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive image data from a transmitting facsimile apparatus via a public switched phone network; and

a controller configured to:

convert the received image data to data for Internet transmission;

attach the converted data to an e-mail; and

transmit the e-mail to a management center, the management center configured to manage information that the image communication apparatus receives and further configured to connect to the image communication apparatus via the Internet,

the controller being further configured to:

determine whether a transmission destination is the management center based, on a received error mail, the received error mail indicating that the transmitting e-mail did not reach the transmission destination;

print the received error mail when the transmission destination is the management center; and

print a predetermined part of the received error mail when the transmission destination is not the management center.

Claim 20. (currently amended) An image communication apparatus comprising:

a scanner configured to scan image data;

a panel configured to input an address of a recipient;

a memory configured to store an e-mail address of a management center;

and

a controller configured to:

convert the scanned image data into data for Internet transmission;

attach the converted data to an e-mail; and

independently transmit the e-mail to each of the address of the recipient input by the panel and the e-mail address of the management center, the management center managing information that the image communication apparatus transmits to the address of the recipient input by the panel, and being further connected to the image communication apparatus via the Internet, the management center being distinct from the recipient of the address input by the panel, the e-mail address of the management center being independent of the recipient of the address input by the panel, the e-mail being transmitted to the management center based on the e-mail address stored in the memory and further based on a request to transmit the e-mail to the address of the recipient and without a request by a user to transmit the e-mail to the management center.

Claim 21. (currently amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the management center stores the information that the image communication apparatus transmits to the recipient, the information being browsed by a supervisor of the management center.

Claim 22. (previously presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the controller sets a mail address of a transmission recipient in a "To" field of the e-mail and sets a mail address of the management center in a "Bcc" field of the e-mail.

Claim 23. (previously presented) An image communication apparatus comprising:

- a scanner configured to scan image data;

- a panel configured to input an address of a destination; and

- a controller configured to:

 - convert the received image data to data for Internet transmission;

 - attach the converted data to an e-mail; and

 - transmit the e-mail to the destination and to a management center, the management center configured to manage information that the image communication apparatus transmits to the destination, and further configured to connect to the image communication apparatus via the Internet,

- the controller being further configured to:

 - determine whether a transmission destination is the management center based on a received error mail, the received error mail indicating that the transmitting e-mail did not reach the transmission destination;

print the received error mail when the transmission destination is the management center; and

print a predetermined part of the received error mail when the transmission destination is not the management center.

Claim 24. (currently amended) An image communication apparatus comprising:

a facsimile transmitter configured to transmit image data to a recipient based on a facsimile protocol;

a memory configured to store the image data to be transmitted by the facsimile transmitter; and

an e-mail transmitter configured to:

convert the stored image data into data for Internet transmission;

attach the converted data to an e-mail; and

transmit the e-mail to a management center based on a request to transmit the e-mail to the address of the recipient and without a request by a user to transmit the e-mail to the management center, the management center managing the e-mail transmitted by the e-mail transmitter, and being further connected to the image communication apparatus via the Internet, the transmitted e-mail corresponding to the image data transmitted by the facsimile transmitter, the management center being independent of the recipient to which the image data is transmitted by the facsimile transmitter based on the facsimile protocol.

Claim 25. (currently amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the management center stores the image data that is transmitted by the facsimile transmitter, the image data being browsed by a supervisor of the management center.

Claim 26. (previously presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the e-mail transmitter sets an e-mail address of the management center in a "To" field of the e-mail.

Claim 27. (previously presented) An image communication apparatus comprising:

- a facsimile transmitter configured to transmit image data to a destination based on a facsimile protocol;

- an e-mail transmitter configured to:

- convert the image data to data for Internet transmission;

- attach the converted data to an e-mail; and

- transmit the e-mail to a management center, the management center configured to manage image data that is transmitted by the facsimile transmitter, and further configured to connect to the image communication apparatus via the Internet; and

- a controller configured to:

- determine whether the transmission destination is the management center, based on a received error mail, the received error mail indicating that the transmitting e-mail did not reach a transmission destination;

print the received error mail when the transmission destination is the management center; and

print a predetermined part of the received error mail when the transmission destination is not the management center.

Claim 28. (canceled).

Claim 29. (canceled).

Claim 30. (currently amended) An image communication method comprising:

scanning image data;

inputting an address of a recipient;

storing an e-mail address of a management center;

converting the scanned image data into data for Internet transmission;

attaching the converted data to an e-mail; and

independently transmitting the e-mail to each of the input address of the recipient via the Internet and the stored e-mail address of the management center via the Internet, the management center managing information transmitted to the input address of the recipient, the management center being distinct from the recipient of the input address, the e-mail address of the management center being independent of the recipient of the input address, the e-mail being transmitted to the management center based on the stored e-mail address and further based on a request to transmit the e-mail to the address of the recipient and without a request by a user to transmit the e-mail to the management center.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The image communication method according to claim 30, wherein the management center stores the information that is transmitted to the recipient, the information being browsed by a supervisor of the management center.

Claim 32. (previously presented) The image communication method according to claim 30, wherein a mail address of a transmission recipient is set in a "To" field of the e-mail, and a mail address of the management center is set in a "Bcc" field of the e-mail.

Claim 33. (currently amended) An image communication method comprising:

facsimile transmitting image data to a recipient based on a facsimile protocol;

storing the image data to be facsimile transmitted;

converting the stored image data into data for Internet transmission;

attaching the converted data to an e-mail; and

e-mail transmitting the e-mail to a management center via the Internet based on a request to transmit the e-mail to the address of the recipient and without a request by a user to transmit the e-mail to the management center, the management center managing the e-mail transmitted e-mail, the e-mail transmitted e-mail corresponding to the facsimile transmitted image data, the management center being independent of the recipient to which the image data is facsimile transmitted based on the facsimile protocol.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The image communication method according to claim 33, wherein the management center stores the image data that is facsimile transmitted, the image data being browsed by a supervisor of the management center.

Claim 35. (previously presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 33, wherein an e-mail address of the management center is set in a "To" field of the e-mail.